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In response to a request by Examiner William L. Treat on May 15, 2003, this explicit Petition from Requirement for Restriction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144 is presented. As provided in MPEP § 818.03(c), Applicants' representative has requested reconsideration of the Requirement for Restriction. The Requirement remains in place, as noted in the Office Communication mailed by the Examiner on April 30, 2003. Since the Examiner has advised Applicants' representative that no further argument or response should be entered in this Petition, the Office is referred to the arguments (and references to this petition) presented in the Office Action Responses mailed by the Applicants on October 15, 2002, November 26, 2002, and January 24, 2003.

Therefore, the Applicants assert that the Restriction Requirement is improper, traverse the Requirement, and hereby petition for withdrawal of the Requirement, since:

- 1) Currently-pending claim 10 retains all of the limitations originally presented in the Application.
- 2) Currently-pending claims 21-40 are not directed to a "separate and distinct" invention from that claimed in originally filed claim 10.

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